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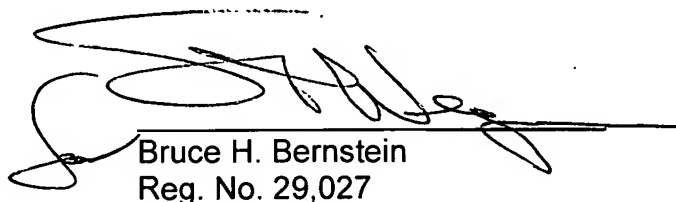
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Applicant notes that all of the above-noted documents were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on July 18, 2006, and thus, copies of these documents are not provided herewith. Also, Applicant notes that no fee or certification is required to ensure consideration of these materials, as they were already submitted, as well as because no action on the merits has been issued in the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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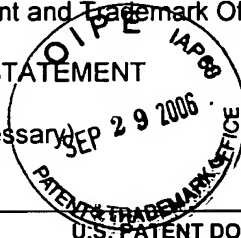
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